Marion County Recorder's Office

Laredo Searching Guide: 1821-March 31, 1964

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Instrument Number Assignment & Searching

Recently digitized records are searchable by assigned document numbers.

Documents recorded January 1, 1950 - March 31, 1964

Instrument Number Format: A,4-digit year, 8-digit instrument number

Example:

Document with instrument number 456123 recorded July 4, 1951 – A195100456123

Documents recorded prior to January 1, 1950 (1821-December 31, 1949)

Instrument Number Format:

2-digit book type, 6-digit book number – 6-digit page number

Example:

Deed recorded July 4, 1949 in Book 456 Page 123 - DE000456-000123

Book Types & Abbreviations

Records were abbreviated based on the title of the book they were scanned from.

Book Type	Abb.
Deed	DE
Deed Land	DL
Deed Town Lots	DT
Liens	LN
Mechanic Liens	ML
Miscellaneous	MS
Mortgages	MG

Some Laredo features are unavailable for these records.

Search fields will list default information until records are fully indexed. See Example:

Criteria: B: 800 P: 60

	Doc Number 🕹	Party	Туре	Recorded	Legal Sum	Assoc Doc	Book Page	Pages	Туре
+ 1	DT000800-000060	UNINDEXED RECORD	UNIND	1/1/3000 7:01:00 AM		No Assoc Docs	B: 800 P: 60	1	GRANTOR

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Book & Page Searching

Documents *prior* to March 31, 1964 can also be searched using the Book and Page tool on the right-hand side of the Laredo Search Screen.

NOTE – Enter the exact BOOK # in the Book search field, and enter the exact PAGE # in the Page search field.

In some cases, a single Book/Page search may yield multiple results because documents with the same BOOK & PAGE numbers were recorded in multiple Book Types.

A quick glance at the results in the Document Number field will provide a hint as to which document type each document will be by indicating the 2-character abbreviated Book Type.

See Book Type legend on reverse.

Other Helpful Information

If 1 or more documents existed on the same page, the first document on the page will have a standard instrument number. The second document on the page will have the instrument number with the Addition of an "A" at the end of the number.

For additional unique documents on the same page, the instrument number will have a "B", "C", or "D' if applicable.

In cases where multiple documents existed on a single page, each respective document will only show when viewing the document image.

The other document images are masked thus only showing the pertinent document image of the instrument number searched.

For example, if a page consisted of 3 unique documents, if searching on the first document on the page, you would only see text on the image for the first document and just white space below it because the other 2 documents have been masked.

Likewise, if viewing the second document's image, only that documents text on the image is visible (with white space above and below on the image). For the third document on the page, only that document's text is visible on the bottom of the image, and white space above it because the 2 documents are masked.